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1. NBC DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER DORIS ANN SCHARFENBERG INFORMED DEPARTMENT (AF/W) LATE MARCH 4 THAT SHE NOW WISHES WITHDRAW REQUEST TO GON FOR PERMISSION TO FILM IN NIGER. THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU INFORM GON THAT EXTREMELY TIGHT PRODUCTION SCHEDULE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN NBC AIR TIME IN EARLY SUMMER NOW MAKES MARCH VISIT TO NIGER APPEAR INFEASIBLE AND NBC REGRETFULLY MUST WITHDRAW ITS REQUEST.

2. BEGIN FYI. REASON FOR SCHARFENBERG'S DECISION IS THAT SHE HAS UNEXPECTEDLY RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM KENYA TO FILM IN THAT COUNTRY. (NBC HAD BEEN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF KENYA AS ALTERNATIVE AFRICAN COUNTRY TO NIGER, BUT HAD NEGLECTED TO INFORM US OF THIS.) WITH KENYA'S PERMISSION IN HAND, SCHARFENBERG SEES NO POINT IN PURSUING RE-

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QUEST TO GON, WHICH HAS SEEMED UNCERTAIN OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

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